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SUBJECT: GOE POLICY STATEMENT: ME SETTLEMENT ASPECTS

1. ON DECEMBER 8, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HATEM READ GOE POLICY STATEMENT TO PEOPLES ASSEMBLY. FULL TEXT IS AVAILABLE FROM FBIS, AND WE SHALL BE ANALYZING IT IN GREATER DETAIL NEXT FEW DAYS; NEVERTHELESS, WISH TO NOTE THAT STATEMENT, AND CAIRO PRESS OF DECEMBER 9, DRAW PUBLIC AND ARAB ATTENTION TO THREE "PRINCIPLES" WHICH EGYPT WILL ADHERE TO IN FORTH-COMING GENEVA CONFERENCE:

(A) EGYPT WILL NOT PERMIT CONFERENCE TO BE USED AS MEANS FOR PROCRASTINATION ON IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS; NOR WILL SHE PERMIT CONFERENCE TO TURN  
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SITUATION TO DEADLOCK WHICH EXISTED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 6.

(B) EGYPT REJECTS ANY ATTEMPT TO RAISE FOR DISCUSSION TWO BASIS TENETS OF HER POLICY--ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ARAB TERRITORIES; AND THE RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

(C) EGYPT BELIEVES "THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINIANS IN THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE A FIRM EXPRESSION BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OF THEIR LEGAL EXISTENCE, AND A CLEAR RECOGNITION OF THEIR RIGHTS."

2. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE POINTS, GOE STATEMENT GIVES HEAVY EMPHASIS TO "COOPERATION WITH UNITED NATIONS" AND IMPORTANCE OF UN RESOLUTIONS IN ACHIEVING SETTLEMENT.

3. COMMENT: STATEMENT, AND PARTICULARLY POINTS NOTED PARA 1, APPEAR TO ESTABLISH THE PARAMETERS OF EGYPT'S NEGOTIATING POSITION AS THE GOE APPROACHES THE PEACE CONFERENCE. PHRASEOLOGY CALLING FOR PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE IS OF NOTE. OF SIGNIFICANCE TOO IS FACT THAT PHRASE CALLING FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL LEAVES EGYPT'S POLITICAL OPTIONS OPEN BY PERMITTING AN AMBIGUOUS INTERPRETATION OF ITS MEANING. STATEMENT, MOREOVER, WHILE TOUGH AND DETERMINED, CONTAINS NONE OF THE SHRILL, EVEN THREATENING, TONE OF PRESS DURING PAST FEW DAYS. REASON APPEARS TO BE THAT GOE IS FOLLOWING A TWO-TRACK INFORMATION POLICY; ONE TRACK THREATENS AND POSTURES IN ADVANCE OF CONFERENCE, BUT THE OTHER PERMITS SADAT TO MOVE IN A RELATIVELY UNRESTRICTED MANNER ON SETTLEMENT ISSUE. ONE OTHER NOTEWORTHY POINT IS LACK OF MENTION OF US/GOE DISCUSSIONS. FAHMY MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR EARLIER IN WEEK THAT, IN VIEW USG FAILURE TO PRESS ISRAEL ON FIRST PHASE DISENGAGEMENT ISSUE, HE HAD DECIDED DELETE ANY REFERENCE TO HIS DIALOGUE WITH USG LEST THIS RAISE EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS FOR HIM FROM ASSEMBLY MEMBERS. DESPITE THE FACT THAT HIS MANY MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADOR HAVE BEEN PROMINENTLY FEATURED IN PRESS, HE SEEMS TO HAVE DONE JUST THAT.

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